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In re application of: **Klaus OBENDIEK et al.**  
 Serial No.: 10/663,333  
 Filed: September 16, 2003  
 For: **TOP FOR A CONVERTIBLE VEHICLE**

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an **Information Disclosure Statement** (2 pages) with **PTO-1449** (2 pages) and cited **references** in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been previously established.  
☐ Applicants assert small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27.  
☒ No fee for additional claims is required.  
☐ A filing fee for additional claims calculated as shown below, is required:

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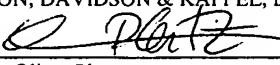
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☐ Petition for extension under 37 C.F.R. 1.136  
☐ Other:  
☐ Check(s) in the amount of \$0.00 is/are attached to cover:  
☐ Filing fee for additional claims under 37 C.F.R. 1.16  
☐ Petition fee for extension under 37 C.F.R. 1.136  
☐ Other:  
☒ The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0552.  
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☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17.  
☒ Any petition fees for extension under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 which are not paid by check submitted herewith, and it is hereby requested that this be a petition for an automatic extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136.

  
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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S i r:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, Applicant hereby makes of record the documents listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 Form (1 page) for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. While the references are being submitted herewith, some or all of the references may not constitute prior art under the U.S. patent laws.


This Information Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 C.F.R. §1.97 (b), before the mailing date of a First Office Action, therefore no fee is believed due.

In the event any additional fee is due in connection with this response or if any fee has been overpaid, the deficiency or overpayment should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0552.

It is respectfully requested that the references cited in the accompanying PTO-1449 form be considered and made of record. It is respectfully submitted that the pending claims are patentable over all of the references made of record at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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	A01	US 6,336,673	Jan. 8, 02	Rothe et al.	296	107.17
	A02	US 2001/019213	Sep. 6, 01	Eberle	296	108
	A03	US 5,769 483	Jun. 23, 98	Danzl et al.	296	107
	A04	US 2001/040385	Nov. 15, 01	Obendiek	296	108
	A05	US 6,419,296	Jul. 16, 02	Dintner et al.	296	107.18
	A06	US 6,502,892	Jan. 7, 03	Eberle	296	108
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	B14	44 35 222	Nov. 2, 95	DE - Germany			see US 5,769,483	<input type="checkbox"/>
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